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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) Property Detail Report

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Oakdene-Summerfield

Inventory Number: BA-814

Property Name: Oakdene-Summerfield

Address 1021 Greenspring Valley Road

Town Lutherville-Timonium

Zip Code

USGS Quadrangle(s) Cockeysville

Digitized in GIS No

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designation in GIS

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Detail map code

Within NR district

Within survey district

Materials in vertical file

Other

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☐ Contributing Resource Determinations of Eligibility

☒ Related Inventory Numbers

Related Inventory Numbers:

BA-814A Oakdene-Summerfield (Horse Barn) 1021 Greenspring Valley Road

BA-814B Oakdene-Summerfield (Carriage House) 1021 Greenspring Valley Road

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

- A. The horse barn at Oakdene-Summerfield is a long rectangular structure 75 by 30 feet, one story, ten bays long, gable-roofed and very plain in its design. The gable roofing overhangs on the east facade to shelter the entrance doors to the stalls. The stonework is assembled with considerable craftsmanship and so are the roof rafters and trussing. James T. Wollon listed the 1895-1905 barn as a product of the 1895-1905 Queen Anne period. The barn is probably the one found in the 1896 tax account of William G. Ogden. Mr. Ogden's tenant for many years was Thomas Deford, Jr., a noted sportsman, horse-owner, and Master of Fox Hounds.

- B. The Oakdene-Summerfield carriage house can be dated to the autumn of 1900 by an item found in the Towson weekly newspaper. The carriage house is a gambrel-roofed structure in frame and clapboard. Each end consists of a gambrel-roofed pavilion linked by a long main block. There is a centrally located dormer on the north facade and a centrally located hay-loading door on the south at roof level on the south facade. The building is topped by two square, hip-roofed, louvered cupolas. Dimensions were given as 34 x 94 feet in the 1918 tax ledger. The style was described as Queen Anne by James T. Wollon, Jr., A.I.A., in the 1979 study of Green Spring Valley for the Valleys Planning Council.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates	1892-1900	Builder/Architect	Charles E. Thomas, builder
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and/or			
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Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local		

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Two splendid agricultural buildings survive at the present Oakdene estate, one a long stone barn with ten stalls, the other a turn-of-the-century carriage house in Queen Anne style. This property has been occupied since at least 1714 when it was a tobacco plantation of the Cockey family, the land survey name being "Cockey's Trust." The present outbuildings, however, date from the late 19th century when the property was a well developed country residence rather than a working farm. Some of the owners of the property were wealthy and prominent.

William B. Ogden was the owner at the time of the 1896 tax ledger, which showed him with 132½ acres on the south side of what was then called Dover Road in Green Spring Valley, adjoining the land of the late Samuel Brady. The improvements consisted of a dwelling house, stable, barn, carriage house, and other out buildings, assessed at \$12,000 in all. (1)

The large barn under study was probably the one listed in the 1896 tax ledger. It was probably designed for riding, racing, and carriage horses rather than the operations of a general farm. James T. Wollon, Jr., in his 1976 study of Green Spring Valley, estimated both barn and carriage house at 1895-to-1905 in origin. (2) William B. Ogden was the owner from 1892 until his death in 1921 and probably commissioned both structures.

We are unable to supply biographical data on William B. Ogden. Starting in 1898, the property was leased to Thomas Deford who had it about two decades; the estate was spoken of as if it actually belonged to him, the Sun in 1906, for example, presenting a photograph of the "deFord house" as they spelled it. (3)

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The Towson weekly paper reported the construction of a carriage house in late 1900, citing a contractor, if not an architect:

Mr. Charles E. Thomas, contractor of Towson, is now engaged in erecting a very large carriage house on the "Oakdene" estate of Mr. Wm. B. Ogden, in Green Spring Valley. The property is under lease to Mr. Thomas Deford, Jr. (4)

Thomas Deford was involved in a family owned tannery business and in 1912 moved to Luray, Virginia, to serve as vice president of the company. Dawn F. Thomas credits Deford with naming the place Oakdene. During his tenure there, he kept a racing stable and entered his hunter Football in the Maryland Hunt Cup. He also served as Master of Fox Hounds. (5)

The 1911 tax ledger showed the acreage unchanged from 1896 and gave the improvements as a "mansion house, stable, box stalls, 3 tenants houses, and other outbuildings" worth \$12,350. (6)

The 1918 tax ledger is the only one that provided dimensions; it listed the following structures in addition to a three-part dwelling:

Garage	34 x 94	\$2,237
Stable	17 x 22	
Stone Stable	75 x 30	1,088

There were also four tenant houses, a club house (\$428) and "6 old buildings" worth (\$150). (7)

Other tax series volumes named the carriage house "Carriage and Stable" as did the 1923 ledger and "Garage and Stable" as did the 1928-1940 series. (8) During the 1920s, Mrs. Amelia L. Carroll was carried as owner, having acquired from the Ogden trustees in 1923. (9) It was Mrs. Carroll who had the boxy Greek Revival main dwelling restored to the Georgian appearance it had enjoyed before suffering a fire somewhere before 1833. Mrs. Carroll continued to use the name Oakdene selected by Mr. Ogden. The other known names for the estate were "Summerfield," used in an 1833 sale advertisement and "Anneslie" found in the 1841 tax ledger. (10) The name "Anneslie" had been used during the ownership of Frederick Harrison and he moved the name to his next residence, an Italianate villa on Dunkirk Road, in the mid-1850s. (11)

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NOTES:

1. Tax Ledger, District 3, 1896, folio 287, Hall of Records, Annapolis.
2. James T. Wollon, Jr., A.I.A., "Oakdene," typescript, Havre de Grace, Maryland, January 18, 1979.
3. Sun, July 13, 1906, p. 13.
4. Baltimore County Union, Towson, October 27, 1900.
5. Dawn F. Thomas, The Green Spring Spring Valley, Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore, 1978, pp. 317-318.
6. Tax Ledger, District 3, 1911, folio 657, Records Management, Rosedale.
7. Tax Ledger, District 3, 1918, folio 130, Volume M-Z.
8. Tax Ledger, District 3, 1923, folio 72; 1928-1940, folio 82. Records Management, Rosedale.
9. Baltimore County Deeds, WPC 574:1.
10. Baltimore American, July 1, 1833.
11. Assessor's Field Book, District 3, 1841, folio 48. (Hall of Records, #8245).

Dawn F. Thomas, The Green Spring Valley, Maryland Historical Society
Baltimore, 1978.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 25.74

Quadrangle name Cockeysville

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Tax Map 59, Parcel P354. Bounds three courses on Green Spring Valley Road.
Bounded on west by Douglas G. Carroll tract; on south and east by property of
Mrs. A.L. Carroll.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	None	code	county	None	code
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state	None	code	county	None	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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state Maryland 21204

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South facade from SE

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Oakdene formerly Summerfield
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Main facade (north) in north light

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East facade from NE

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Center hall stairway from south

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East parlor of main block (from west)

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Dining room fireplace (from east)



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Over mantel, west end of hall

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